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In re patent application of

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Examiner: K. Hauda

For: METHODS FOR THE DEGRADATION AND DETOXIFICATION OF ORGANIC MATERIAL USING URINE PRODUCED BY TRANSGENIC ANIMALS AND RELATED TRANSGENIC ANIMALS AND PROTEINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action of March 12, 1999. A Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee are attached. In the event this fee is not correct, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit account number 19-0741.

Applicants herewith elect, with traverse, group I, claims 1-15, for prosecution in this case. Applicants respectfully urge that the method of group II, to detoxify or degrade organic material, involves the basic method and animal of group I, with the additional step of contacting the organic material with the urine. These methods are in the same class and subclass and it would not be unduly burdensome for the examiner to examine all of the claims of both groups (i.e., claims 1-24 and 34-41) simultaneously. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement and examine claims 1-24 and 34-41 together.

In any event, applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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